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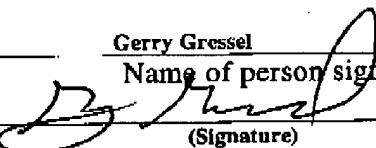
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RESPONSE TO NON FINAL REJECTION OF July 8, 2005

Dear Sir:

Petition for 3 Month Extension:

The Commissioner is respectfully petitioned for a 3 month extension of time. Authorization is hereby provided to charge the fee of \$1020 and any other fee required to preserve pendency to Deposit Account 10-0750/END838/GSG.

Please amend the Application as set forth below and consider the Following Remarks:

Amendments begin on Page 2.

Remarks begin on Page 7.